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SUBJECT: LOCALE FOR PHASE II OF SALT

I. RE REFTEL A. WE HAVE ADI ADVISED SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON OF WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING VIS A VIS SWISS. WE HAVE ALSO SUGGESTED TO SOVIET EMBASSY HERE THAT IT ARRANGE FOR SOVIET CONFIRMATORY APPROACH TO SWISS GOVERNMENT IN MOSCOW OR THROUGH SOVIET EMBASSY BERN. SWISS MAY THEREFORE WISH TO MAKE DISCREET INQUIRY ON MATTER TO SOVIET EMBASSY IN BERN. EMBASSY BERN IS ALSO AUTHORIZED DISCUSS MATTER WITH SOVIET EMBASSY IF THIS APPEARS USEFUL.

- 2. WE APPRECIATE THE NEED TO INFORM FINNISH AND AUSTRIAN EMBASSIES OF DECISION ON LOCALE SHIFT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER SWISS FEDERAL COUNCIL HAS GIVEN AGREEMENT TO GENEVA SITE. SOVIET EMBASSY HAS ASKED THAT NOTICE TO FINNISH AND AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENTS BE DONE IN PARALLEL. AS SOON AS WE HAVE WORKED OUT SCHEDULE, EMBASSIES HELSINKI AND VIENNA WILL BE ADVISED OF ACTION TO BE TAKEN.
- 3. PRESS GUIDANCE, INCLUDING TEXT OF PROPOSED U.S.

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PUBLIC STATEMENT, ON DECISION TO SHIFT SALT SITE WILL BE FORWARDED INTERESTED POSTS BY COB AUGUST 9. WE TENTATIVELY PLAN RELEASE STATEMENT ON FRIDAY, ANGUST 11, ASSUMING FINNS AND AUSTRIANS HAVE HAD SUFFICIENT PRIOR NOTICE. ROGERS BT #3122